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JFK Assassination 'Plot'

Speaker Tells of U.S. 'Conspiracy'

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A picture of an America controlled by conspirators in government and the public news media was drawn last night by Mrs. Mae Brussell of Carmel Valley.

Mrs. Brussell, introduced as a playwright and author, told the Peninsula Jaycees that President John F. Kennedy's assassination was engineered by "certain people in this country who felt Kennedy was not the type of person they wanted. . ." and that Kennedy knew there was "an invisible government behind his back."

Asked to identify the conspirators, Mrs. Brussell said "I don't have the money to fight their lawsuits" but volunteered the information that she was writing a book on the subject.

In a prepared after-dinner address at the Villa Caruso Restaurant, the speaker spent some 40 minutes giving reasons why she believes the federal government is withholding information on the assassination and the press is suppressing news on the investigation being conducted by New Orleans Dist. Atty. James Garrison.

"Shocking"

Stating she subscribed to eight newspapers, Mrs. Brussell said the "news blackout from New Orleans" is a "shocking thing to me."

She produced a chart purporting to show that news unfavorable to Garrison was carried in all eight papers while news favorable to him did not appear in any but the New Orleans States-Item.

"If you don't take the New Orleans States-Item, you don't know what's going on."

Expressing the belief the alleged suppression was not taking place on the desks of the individual papers but at the upper echelons of the wire services, Mrs. Brussell described it as "a very dangerous situation."

She quoted from the book, "Where Death Delights," by Marshall Houts in an effort to show that the autopsy on the President's body was not conducted by the proper experts and demanded to know, "Why are the X-rays locked up?"

Calling for the opening of the "archives," the speaker asked: "Is it possible there's something they don't want us to see?"

She also was critical of the Warren Commission's work and of recent documentaries by the Columbia Broadcasting System and National Broadcasting Co.

After her talk, Mrs. Brussell spent a half hour answering questions from the audience of 35, which included lawyers, doctors and a naval intelligence investigator.

Hits Methods

Criticizing the methods of the Warren Commission, she said she has "a list of 170 major witnesses who were not called."

Also disagreeing with the commission's conclusions, the speaker said Kennedy was killed by "a crossfire" of bullets and that Lee Oswald did not operate alone.

Asked why the late president's widow and brothers have not demanded the release of all information, Mrs. Brussell said Sen. Robert Kennedy wants "to use this death for political purposes" and Mrs. Kennedy "doesn't want to get involved."

As for Sen. Ted Kennedy, he says he hasn't read the Warren Report, according to Mrs. Brussell.

She also took a swing at President Johnson on grounds he "hasn't ordered the opening of the archives."